

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 19, 2017

Item Number: **003**

Capital Contracting Office

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with AAR, INC. for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Buyouts Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity in the amount of \$2,000,000 for an initial two-year term, with two one-year extension options of \$500,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. (Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) by meeting the goals with 10.00% DBE participation.).

District(s) Affected: District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, District 8, District 9, District 10

Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the Watershed Protection Department and various departments for which services are needed. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets. A fiscal note is not required.
Purchasing Language	Lowest responsive bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
For More Information	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.</p>

Additional Backup Information:

This contract supports the large-scale flood hazard mitigation efforts of the Watershed Protection Department, specifically the buyout of properties at risk of interior flooding during a 100-year storm event. Current buyout projects include properties located in the Upper and Lower Onion Creek watershed, in the Bull Creek watershed along Charing Cross Road and D-K Ranch Road, and along February Drive in the Walnut Creek watershed. Two of the February Drive properties are part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Grant ID DR-4223-041. It is anticipated that up to 100 buildings will be removed from the floodplain with this contract.

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts provide for an indefinite quantity of services for a fixed time, usually an initial term with extension options. They are commonly used when precise quantities of supplies or services, above a specified minimum, cannot be determined. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts help streamline the contract process and service delivery and allow the City the flexibility to add work as needs arise or change. As each project is defined, a specific work assignment will be given to the contractor who will complete the scope of work for the unit prices included in the contract. Work deadlines will be established for each work assignment.

This contract includes the required asbestos abatement and subsequent demolition and clearing of buildings that are being that are being acquired as part of current and future flood hazard mitigation projects. This contract will include properties in both the Upper and Lower Onion Creek areas, along Charing Cross Road, D-K Ranch Road, and February Drive.

The base bid was used to identify and determine the lowest responsive bidder and to determine contract unit prices for each bid item and the lowest bidder.

This request allows for the award and execution of a construction contract with AAR, Inc. for an estimated period of two years with two one-year extensions. However if funds for the initial term are expended staff may accelerate the extension options, but in no event will exceed the total contract amount. The extension options are subject to the agreement of both parties.

City Council has previously approved the acquisition of several flood prone properties in the Lower Onion, Upper Onion, Charing Cross, and February Drive project areas. Public outreach meetings and communication with the impacted property owners have taken place in these project areas and many buyout offers have previously been accepted. Upon acquisition, it is important to demolish the building in a timely manner to prevent further deterioration of the property, discourage unwanted activity on the properties, and to reduce any negative impacts on the neighborhood of the vacant structure.

A delay in executing this contract will delay the asbestos abatement and demolition activities for properties that the City has acquired and may result in the delay of the acquisition of additional properties at risk of flooding.

This work may be performed in any zip code and in any district. This project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

AAR, Inc. is located in Liberty Hill, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available on the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link:

Solicitation Documents

<https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=118207>.